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GENTLEMEN,

Q. *YOU have often in your Papers laid a great deal of stress upon the Consent of Parents, in the Marriage of their Children. If you please to shew from what Texts of Scripture Parents derive this Authority, you will Oblige,*

*Your Humble Servant*, &c.

*A.* That Parents are Subject to their Children in the contracting of Matrimony, is a Maxim evidently enough made out from the Law of Nature; for if Obedience is due to them in smaller Things, how much more in an Affair of the greatest Importance? However the Scripture is not silent in this Matter. For God prohibits the *Israelites* from taking the Daughters of the Land of *Canaan* to be Wives to their Sons. *Exod.* 34. 16. and *Deut.* 7. 3. He commands them again, *Jer.* 29. 6. to take Wives to their Sons, and gave their Daughters to Husbands. And St. *Paul* says, 1 *Cor.* 7. 38. *He that giveth his Virgin in Marriage doth well; but he that giveth her not doth better.* From which Instances it is plain, that Parents have the principal Part in this Transaction.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have liv'd 5 Years & an half an Apprentice with a Master, who Obliges me to go with him (at all usual times) to the Independant Meetings. I am much dissatisfied in their way of Worship, and am fully convinc'd of the reasonableness of a constant Conformity to the Church of* England. *Your Advice is humbly desir'd, whether submitting to my Master's Will, or my Judgment in this (for the remaining part of 7 Years) will make the greatest Breach in my Duty towards my Neighbour.*

Gentlemen, *I have resolv'd to act according to your Advice, and a speedy Answer is the more desir'd by,*

*Your Admirer and Humble Servant.*

G——e P——l.

*A.* It is no less than a Sin to obey a Master in such Commands, as contradict the Laws of the State, if the Laws themselves are not unreasonable and unjust. The Querist is not therefore under the difficult *Dilemma* of chusing one of two Evils, as he seems to apprehend. He may and ought to disobey his Master in this particular, but obey him he cannot without violating his Duty both to God and the State; to God, as he becomes thereby guilty of Schism, or destroying the Peace and Unity of the Church; to the State, as he Transgresses a Law which contradicts no Law of God or Reason. In all Cases it is an unexceptionable Maxim, that the Commands of a Superiour supersede those of an Inferiour Authority. We have Answered this Question formerly, and have added this only to confirm our former Answer, at which we hear several Persons take Offence.

Q. Gentlemen, *In your Paper*, N°. 122. Vol. III. *in Answer to a Question relating to the decree of the Apostles, concerning eating of Blood and Things Stangled, I find that you readily assent to the Unlawfulness thereof, and express your Admiration how a Practice, so contrary to the Injunction of the Holy*

*Apostles, should be so prevalent amongst Christians. Now, as I confess I am wholly Ignorant, in what particular it is, that the contrary Practice so greatly prevails, so I desire you would please to inform me, that I may know how to avoid it, in which I hope you will be as speedy and particular as possibly may be,*

*I am*, Gentlemen,

*Your Admirer and Subscriber*, &c.

*A.* We can scarce suppose that the Querist can want to be informed, that the Principal Ingredient in Black-Puddings is Blood; or that most of the Poultry and Fowl that is Eaten is Strangled.

To APOLLO, Moral and Divine,

Q. *From your Country Customer, who buys and pays for all your Papers, having been in the State of Matrimony without ever a Child; and the natural Ambition, I had for the grand Original Blessing to multiply, has brought me (and my Wife which is to be) unto this Stebight. My Childless Wife,* B. *being Dead, but within these 6 Weeks, and my contracted Wife,* E. *being within 6 Weeks of Child-bearing,* E. *in point of her Divinity presses instantly for Marriage, speedy Marriage, and openly in Church to Alleviate the Imputation of Sin,* Exodus Chap. 22. Ver. 16. *It is own'd that the Contract engageth Publick Marriage, within a Month after the Decease of* B. *but I of the Moral Part, to prevent the Indecorum, would insist only for my late Wife to cool in the Grave, and within less than a Year, yet replieth she again in her Moral Part, for speedy Marriage, Publick Marriage, openly in Church, to wipe of her Reproach before Man, and to Legitimatize the Child. The Case thus in Fact, and the time thus short, pray, neither deny nor delay your Direction and Advice unto,*

*Yours*, B. E.

*A.* We think you strictly bound to Answer her demands, for delay by the Death of one, may put it out of your Power to make satisfaction. And since we conceive by yours, the Injury has been Publick, you ought to make Publick Reparation. Tis true it will appear Indecent in Respect to the Memory of your former Wife; but consider, *This* (for such we must esteem her) lies all the while under the Shame as well as your self, of greater Indecency, and of Evils you must choose the least.

Q. Gentlemen, *Be pleased to explain in your next, the Nature of an Epic Poem, and shew the Distinction there is between that and all other sorts of Poems.*

*Your Admirer*, &c.

*A. Bossa*, the most Judicious Writer upon this Subject, defines the *Epopéa* or Epic Poem thus. "It is a Discourse invented by Art to form the "Manners by such Instructions as are disguised "under the Allegories of some one Important "Action, which is related in Verse, after a pro-"bable, diverting and surprising Manner. The last part of this Definition distinguishes it from all other sorts of Poems; as first from Comedy, because the Action of it is not Important; and besides the Poet says nothing, but only the Persons he introduces say and act all, just as in a Tragedy, for which Reason both this and that is styled a Dramatic Poem, and so distinguished from the Epic. It cannot be Material to shew how the Epic differs from the Satyr, the Ode, the Elegy, the Epigram and other lesser Poems, which are stiled by Critics imperfect Poems. We shall therefore add farther to explain the Nature of the *Epopéa*, that it has a necessary Relation to four Things, to the Poem, the Fable, Morality and History. It belongs to the Poem and the Fable, as being a Species of each; to History as both the one and the other relates one or more Actions, and to Morality as the principal Design of it is to instruct Men in their Morals. From this Notion we have laid down, we may observe that the Poem of *Lucretius*, the *Georgics* of *Virgil*, and other Discourses in Verse concerning any Branch of natural Philosophy, are no Parts of the *Epopéa*; for such Pieces are not designed to form Mens Manners; and besides the Instructions contained in them are without Disguise or Allegory. And by this last Reason are also excluded all sorts of Moral Discourses Writ in Verse, and all Historical Poems, as *Lucans Pharsalia*, the *Punic War of Silius Italicus*, because in them there is no Fable. The only Poems in short that among the Ancients deserve the Name of Epic, are the *Iliad* and *Odyssea* of *Homer*, and the *Æneid* of *Virgil*; though amongst the Moderns many others put in for that Honour.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have a Projection to propose at Present in my own Breast, which if put in Execution would bring to Her Majesty upward of* 200000 l. per Annum. *Now, Sirs, I desire you would Advise me which way to proceed to make it known, and to whom you think the properest Persons, that in Justice to the Author will not take it to themselves, and how I may do to preserve an Interest to my self, as a Reward for such Projection, and what you think I may expect. What I propose to raise it on is on what no Imposition was ever laid, and will bear it very well, and may be easily Collected. I sent to Mr.* Clark's, *about three Weeks ago, and have had no Answer in any of the* Apollo's *since, so I desire you will insert so much in your next, as you shall think fit, or let me know in some of your Papers this Week, whether you will concern your selves or not, and you will Oblige,*

*Yours*, N. Z.

*A.* It is not proper to give a Publick Answer to a Question of this Nature: If you let us know how to direct a Private one, we may find an opportunity for it. But we must tell you that many Projects on such Accounts have had fair Prospects on Transient view, which have vanish'd, when brought to closer Examination. Nor will it become us to assist you in such a Matter, except we are satisfied of the Reasonableness of it, which otherwise wou'd reflect on our Discretion, and Affront those Great Persons we might communicate it to, in whom we have the Honour of having some Interest,

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# POEMS.

## APOLLO,

Q. *THE spreading Fame the Theatre has made,*
*Drew your bid* ECCHO *from her Peace-*
*[ful shade,*

*To*

*To view those Artful Works, and fine Machines,*
*The Pleasant Prospects, and the moving Scenes.*
*I mixt amongst, the Noble, Beauteous Crowd,*
*And pleas'd to find, that* Music *was allow'd,*
*By such Great Men, as a Regaling Treat,*
*After Fatigues of State, they there did meet.*
*Harmonious Sounds soon fill'd the happy Place,*
*And added Charms to ev'ry lovely Face.*
*No Jars, nor Discord, thro' the whole was found,*
*But all Conspir'd, in a Seraphic Sound;*
*So soft, so sweet, and Artificial made,*
*That pleasing Raptures secretly convey'd*
*To e'ery Breast, and lull'd all Cares within;*
*Ah! who so rough, that* Harmony *can't win!*
*Say, my* APOLLO, *let it come from you,*
*That all may know them, at a single View;*
*Sound, Thou* Bright God *of* Musick, *sound its Fame,*
*Inspire the Noble Youths to do the same;*
*'Twill cure our* Isle *of these unlucky Jars,*
*Let* Harmony *allay our Inland Wars;*
*Let Love and Peace sympathetically join,*
*Then we may boast to be the happy Clime.*

*Thus having wish'd, I bid the Place farewel,*
*And so retire to my Romantick Cell.*

## ECCHO.

### I.

*A.* Sound all the Instruments, and with 'em Joyn,
Melodious Voices such as may,
Entice from those bright Realms of Day,
Cœlestial Forms to listen to your Art,
And bear themselves a Part,
To make the Consort more Divine;
Till all the Hills and Groves around
Reverberate th' Extatic Sound;
And universal Nature silent stands,
Attentive to your High Commands;
And be your selves the *Subject* of your Song,
Sound all the wondrous Charms to *Musick*'s Pow'r [ belong.

### II.

When first th' ETERNAL BEING fram'd this [ *Earth*,
Sweet Harmony advanc'd the Birth,
While *Nature* smil'd to see her self advance;
To tuneful Measures of an endless *Dance*,
Of Hours, Days, Months, and Years;
Struck up to Lofty Notes of the surrounding [ Spheres,
The Whole, and ev'ry Individual Part,
With Beauteous *Order* dreft,
In the loud Consort bore a part,
And secret Joys confest;
While list'ning *Angels* from on High,
In Glorious Mansions all around,
And Bright Alcoves beyond the Sky,
The Melody resound;
From all the Battlements of *Heav'n* above,
Harmonious *Hallelujahs* rung,
And in Extatic Notes they sung,
The Grand Ineffable Design of pre-existing *Love*.

### III.

As Musick first attended the great *Act*,
And was the Potent Cement did compact,
Th' Illustrious Frame;
So since it does protect the same,
And is th' Efficient *Soul*,
Maintains, Continues, and Preserves the *Whole*:
Thus by the deep mysterious Force,
Of *Sympathies* they hold their Course;
And as in *Musick Discords* be,
Essential to just *Harmony*,
So strong *Antipathies* do sometimes meet,
To make their Beautiful *Reverse* more sweet,
Which by Impulse, far stronger thence, our rapt [ Affections greet.

### IV.

All Hail! Thou *Darling* of *Eternal Love*,
Who dost in all his wondrous *Fiats* move,
In his Bright Empires, always *Resident* Above;
Who art the *Vehicle* conveys
Around the *Boundless Space* his Praise,
Hail *Thou* who art
Ev'n of his *Essence* an Illustrious *Part*;
Who that inutterable Pow'r bestow,
On all the *Orders* both of *Heav'n* and Earth below,
Exert our *Souls* by *Music*'s Energy,
May all our Passions by it govern'd be,
Then shall we far *Excel* our selves, and be most [ like to *Thee*,
While those Poor Grov'ling Souls, who are [ not Fir'd,
By *Music*'s Force, or by its Charms inspir'd,
We shall with Pity view their Humble State,
Reverse to all that's Beautiful, or Generous, or [ Great.

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*SIR,*

THE Letters from Brussels, January 17th, say, that their Advices from the Frontiers tell them, that the Enemy is very diligent in making Magazines on the Somme and towards Arras, in order to be able to take the Field early the next Campaign; They are likewise making some new Fortifications at Arras, between the Cittadel and the Town, on the side towards Peronne. That Write from Namur and Charleroy, that Magazines were likewise forming on the Sambre and the Meuse, which has given occasion to a Report,

Report, that the late Elector of Bavaria is to Command a separate Body of Troops on that side next Campaign; That it is not doubted but Marshal Staremberg is got safe into Catalonia; and by the most Authentic Accounts he is reckon'd not to have less than 8 or 9000 Men him, being reinforced by the Troops which were in Garrison in the Kingdom of Arragon; That they hear the French meet with very great Difficulties in raising their Recruits. That they are obliged to taste them by Force; and the want of Money increases so much, and the Misery is so urgent among the Officers, that they quit their Garrisons without leave, to go and demand their Subsistence and Arrears at Paris, where several of them have been imprison'd, and the rest sent back with severe Menances.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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